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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's

(1) U.S. Patent No. 5,909,549  
(2) Japan 11-154950  
(3) Japan 11-053139

The document (1) was cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Office Action dated July 9, 2004 is enclosed. The documents (2) and (3) were cited during prosecution of a

Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action dated September 13, 2004 is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| JP | 11-154950          | 06/08/99 | Japan   |       |          | Yes/Abstract                          |
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